

REMARKS

The Drawings

Figures 3b, 5a, 5b and 7 have been amended to correct the minor informalities noted by the Examiner. The Specification has been amended at Paragraph 0021 to include references to numerals 4 and 6 of Figure 1.

The proposed drawing amendments are shown in red ink per the enclosed letter to the draftsperson. A replacement sheet is also provided herewith incorporating the proposed amendments. No new matter is introduced by way of the proposed amendments to the drawings.

The Specification

Paragraphs 0027, 0028 and 0033 are amended to correct the minor informalities noted by the Examiner. In addition, Paragraph 0021 is amended to include references to seat supports 4 and 6 of Figure 1, and Paragraphs 0027 and 0028 amended to more accurately refer to Figures 3a and 3b.

No new matter is introduced by way of the proposed amendments to the specification.

The Claims

Claims 2-11, 13-25 and 29 remain in this application. Claim 29 is new, and claims 1, 12 and 26-28 are canceled. The pending claims, with exception claims 24, 25 and new claim 29, are amended.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. As such, claims 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 19, 21, 22 have been amended to place them in allowable form. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 are amended to depend from amended claim 2, and claims 14, 15, 17, 18 and 20 amended to depend from amended claim 12. Claim 23 is amended consistent with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter for claims 24 and 25.

New claim 29 is added to specifically include a the battery support structure disposed between first row seats. Support for new claim 29 is provided in the Specification at ¶ 0021, lines 1-3.

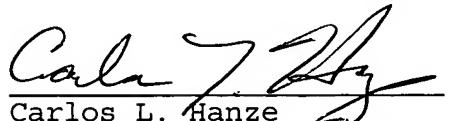
No new matter is introduced by way of the proposed amendments to the claims.

The above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance in all respects, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

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Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1505.

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